

**PAPDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**Parent Council – HTs Report**  
**Monday 8 February 2016**

**Staffing**

- We continue to have two members of staff off long term however the cover for both has largely remained the same to try to minimise the disruption to the classes involved.
- Mrs Erica Rosie retires at the mid term break after 15 years with us and Mrs Jenna Johnston will take over 0.6 from Wednesday 24 February. Mrs Lesley Gordon will continue covering for Mrs Alison Guthrie. Jenna will make visits to the class prior to Erica leaving to get to know the children as well as liaise with both Erica and Lesley over the next two weeks.
- At the end of term 2 one of our two Probationers, Jessica Cox, who was teaching in P1 left and from the start of term 3 Lee Stockan took over in the P1 class and Isabel Gillon is now fulltime in the Nursery.
- Our Staffing Meeting with PD HoS is in early March and we expect our class structure to remain much the same but to go up by one class as we have two P7s going on to KGS and three P1s coming in from our Nursery.
- Jenny Keldie one of our Music teachers is continuing on a phased return as her health improves. At present we have Jenny, Emma Holderness and Alice Beams covering our Music classes.

**In Service**

- This term our In Service days have been split and there is one day in February, Thursday 18 February and then another day in May – Friday 20 May, which will be a holiday for children.
- As a whole school we are looking at aspects of HWB including Positive Behaviour and Golden Time.
- We will also have input from our PE teacher Amy Smith who can advise CTs on the extra PE that they cover.
- A Government initiative called ‘the Daily Mile’ will also be considered.

**Camembear**

- ‘Camembear’ the French resource was introduced to the Parent Council in the form of the puppet aptly named Camembear!
- Currently our P1 – 3 classes are using the resources provided through this programme to introduce the children to a range of vocabulary and simple phrases. The children appear to be enjoying learning French.
- The aim over the next two to three years is to continue with French right through the primary and then introduce another language, possibly Spanish but this is still to be confirmed, at P5 thus the Governments 1 + 2 Languages for all children – their mother tongue (English) plus two other languages.
- Our P6 and 7 classes have been doing French for a number of years.

**Nursery**

- Our Nursery team say a huge thank you to the Parent Council for the great new furniture they have been able to buy for the setting through the fund raising efforts of the Parent Council.
- The improvements to the setting and, ultimately, for the children are very evident and the PC are very welcome to go in and have a look if they would like to!